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an L3 nucleic acid derived from yeast or another higher plant species). Thus, "exogenous" embraces homologous and heterologous L3 nucleic acids. The nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO: 1) and corresponding amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO: 2) of the yeast wild-type L3 protein (known as rpl3) are set forth below.

Please delete the paragraph on page 10, lines 23-27, and replace it with the following paragraph:

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L3 nucleic acids cloned from *Arabidopsis* and rice are described in Kim, *et al.*, Gene *93*:177-182 (1990), and Nishi, *et al.*, Biochim. Biophys. Acta *1216*:110-112 (1993) respectively. Tobacco contains two L3 genes. The nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO: 3) and corresponding amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO: 4) for one tobacco L3 protein (the tobacco "8d" L3 protein) are set forth below.

Please delete the paragraph on page 14, lines 33-34, and replace it with the following paragraph:

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The nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO: 5) and corresponding amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO: 6) for the second tobacco L3 protein (the tobacco "10d" L3 protein) are set forth below.

Please delete the paragraph on page 18, lines 38-42, and replace it with the following paragraph:

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The nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO: 7) and corresponding amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO: 8) for a spontaneously occurring mutant L3 gene obtained from the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (the L3 trichodermin resistance mutant (tcm1)) are set forth below. One nucleotide change G765C results in the amino acid change W255C (Trp255Cys). See, Schultz, *et al.*, J. Bacteriol. *155*:8-14 (1983).

Please delete the paragraph on page 24, lines 11-14, and replace it with the following paragraph:

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The nucleotide (SEQ ID NO: 9) and corresponding amino acid sequences (SEQ ID NO: 10) for one Mak mutant of L3 are set forth below. Two nucleotide changes, G765C and C769T, result in two amino acid changes, namely W255C (Trp255Cys) and P257S (Pro257Ser) respectively. This mutant L3 is designated Mak8 (W255C, P257S).

Please delete the paragraph on page 28, lines 23-25, and replace it with the following paragraph:

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The nucleotide (SEQ ID NO: 11) and corresponding amino acid sequences (SEQ ID NO: 12) for another L3 mutant ("rpl-T845C") are set forth below. One nucleotide change, T845C, results in the amino acid change I282T (Iso282Thr).

Please delete the paragraph on page 46, lines 15-27, and replace it with the following paragraph:

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BlueScript KS plasmid was obtained from Strategene. The pRS series of plasmids (10,47) and pAS134 (1) have been previously described. Full length *RPL3* and *mak8-1* were amplified from genomic DNA by polymerase chain reaction using the oligonucleotide primers -300 *Kpn* I (5' CCCCGGTACCTCACGCACACTGGAATGAAT 3') (SEQ ID NO: 13) and +1300 *Sac* I (5' CCCCGAGCGCAACCTCCATTTTGGACTTGG 3' ) (SEQ ID NO: 14), and were cloned into the pRS300 series (pRS314, pRS315 and pRS316) digested with *Kpn* I and *Sac* I to make the pRPL3 and the pmak8-1 series of plasmids. To construct a *RPL3* gene disruption plasmid, the *Kpn* I/*Sac* I *RPL3* clone was subcloned into BlueScript KS (KS-RPL3), digested with *Sph* I, the overhanging ends were filled with dNTPs using T4 DNA polymerase, and was then digested with *Xba* I. Subsequently, pAS134 was digested with *Xba* I and *Pvu* II to liberate the *hisG-URA3* cassette which was subcloned into the *Xba* I/blunt ended KS-RPL3 to create pJD168.